

**SUMMARY OF TRANSITION FROM HSRS SEVERITY CODES TO BRC
TARGET GROUPS**

- HSRS severity codes focus on services needed and consumer deficits
- BRC Target Groups focus on descriptors of consumers and the anticipated result of either high intensity services, low intensity services, or short-term situational services
- HSRS Severity Code 1 and BRC Target Group 1 fairly interchangeable with BRC adding a description of persons who have a history of trauma and adding a need for outreach, wraparound, etc.
- HSRS Severity Code 2 and BRC Target Group 2 are not interchangeable.

HSRS focus is on PERIODIC acute episodes with intensive service needs, such as psychiatric hospitalization, jail confinement, etc.

BRC focuses on not only periodic acute episodes, but on a group of persons who remain stable due to ONGOING services (low intensity). Also focuses on early onset of mental disorder and early intervention aspects of providing on-going services.

- HSRS Severity Code 3 and BRC Target Group 2 are fairly interchangeable. BRC Target Group 2 adds persons with history of trauma as well as recovery as a concept
- HSRS Severity Code 4 and BRC Target Group 3 are fairly interchangeable. BRC Target Group 3 adds that this population is often seen first in non-mental health settings, i.e., primary care sector, school system, aging services, law enforcement, etc.

OPERATIONALIZATION OF TRANSITION FROM HSRS SEVERITY CODES TO BRC TARGET GROUPS

HSRS Severity Code 1 and BRC Target Group 1 are virtually identical

BRC Target Group I Additions (not a part of Severity Code 1):

- Persons may have a history of trauma (physical/sexual abuse/neglect)
- For those who experience psychiatric crisis may need:
 - ? Extensive outreach and relationship development
 - ? Intensive community support
 - ? Wraparound services

HSRS Severity Code 2 is not identical to BRC Target Group 2

Comparison:

Definition of Persons:

- HSRS: Adults and children with a "diagnosed disorder"
- BRC: Diagnosed mental health disorder

Functioning:

- HSRS: Fairly stable, but may occasionally experience acute psychiatric crisis
Describes person during acute episode-i.e., suicidal threats, lack of judgement, memory loss, blunted affect, etc.
At risk for homelessness
- BRC: Fairly stable, but may occasionally experience acute psychiatric crisis
May have history of trauma
Includes persons at early onset of their mental or emotional disorder
Early identification of mental health problems is critical (often first seen in non-mental health settings)

Needed Services:

- HSRS: Intensive services/supports including
 - ? Psychiatric hospitalization
 - ? Confinement in jail
 - ? Confinement in NH
- BRC: On-going, low intensive, comprehensive services
 - ? Medication management
 - ? Case management

- ? Early identification and appropriate treatment interventions, these persons may be able to maintain stable functioning in the community (prevention)

HSRS Severity Code 4 and BRC Target Group 3 are virtually identical

BRC Target Group 3 Additions (not a part of Severity Code 4):

- Population is often seen first in non-mental health settings
- ? Primary Care Sector
- ? School System
- ? Aging Services
- ? Law Enforcement

OPERATIONALIZING TRANSITION FROM HSRS SEVERITY CODE TO BRC TARGET CODE

